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BURNT FORK-BIRCH CREEK ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION MEETING

Schoolhouse, McKinnon, Wyoming  
February 20, 1985

The meeting opened at 2:35 p.m. under the direction of Chairman Robert Gamble.

The minutes of the 1984 meeting were read by Jon C. Wilde. Mr. Wilde then questioned the allotment of \$0.31/mile to the commissioner at the last meeting. It was decided to go over this item later in the meeting when the 1985 budget would be discussed. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Earl Hanks. Seconded by Rebecca Cheryl Stoll and carried unanimously.

The 1984 financial report was read by Jon C. Wilde. The motion to accept the report was made by Donald Behunin. Seconded by Mark Anderson and carried unanimously.

Richard Hall, Distribution Engineer for the Utah Division of Water Rights, described his proposal to place the total monies of all of the distribution systems in an investment checking account. Under this plan, a minimum balance would be kept in the checking portion with the remainder being temporarily placed in insured investments, thus earning interest (which would fluctuate monthly depending on the financial market and the balance of funds.). The invested funds would not be tied up and would be transferred as needed to the checking portion. The interest would be divided up proportionately and credited to the various distribution system accounts. The motion was made by Jon Wilde to allow the Division of Water Rights to invest system monies and apportion the interest thereon. Seconded by Robert Gamble and carried unanimously by the Utah water users present at the meeting.

Steve Wilkinson read his commissioner's report. He asked that the State Engineer encourage the water users to clean their ditches. He also discussed his Thompson Creek visits with Earl Hanks and submission of vouchers to Wyoming with John Teichert. He asked if there was specific information or a special format that should be included in the report. John Teichert indicated that his office had sent data to show what they would like in the report and suggested actual diversion times and amounts. Richard Hall said that the Utah State Engineer would like narrative on the water year, any problems on the system, and a record of measurements. Utah would like copies of the report made available for all water users and distributed at the annual meeting. Wyoming has periodic reports over the season. Richard Hall representing Utah and Mike Ebsen representing Wyoming will discuss the possibility of a combined format for the report. The motion to accept the commissioner's report was made by Earl Hanks and seconded by Rebecca Cheryl Stoll. Motion carried.

Mark Anderson said that this would be a good time to send out letters to the water users to repair their structures as cost-sharing funds from the U. S. Soil Conservation Service up to \$3,500 is available right at the moment.

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Earl Hanks said that the diversion at Hoop Lake is in very bad shape and that the water users were ready to hire an attorney. Mr. Hall said to send letters, accompanied by photographs if possible, to him for the file. Then he could study the situation and get backing from the state's attorneys, if necessary, to handle the problem. The water users agreed to do this.

The motion to establish the 1985 budget at the same figure as 1984 and to assess at the same figure as the budget was made by Jon Wilde. Seconded by Robert Gamble and carried unanimously by the Utah water users. Mileage will be paid at the same rate as allowable in Wyoming up to \$0.31/mile.

The motion to recommend Steve Wilkinson as commissioner for 1985 was made by Earl Hanks. Seconded by Don Behunin and carried unanimously.

The motion to retain the same system committee as in 1984 was made by Mark Anderson. Seconded by Earl Hanks and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3.48 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Bob Gamble, Chairman  
Earl Hanks  
Mark Anderson  
Rebecca Cheryl Stoll  
Jon C. Wilde  
Don Behunin  
John A. Teichert, Wyoming State Engineer's Office  
Mike Ebsen, Hydrographer, Wyoming State Engineer's Office  
Richard Hall, Utah Division of Water Rights  
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